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1. A reliable source reports that the railroads in the Russian zone were ordered in August to locate 3,000 km of trackage that could be removed. Source inspected stockpiles in the Reichsbahn divisional areas of Berlin, Dresden, Erfurt, and Halle, and reported 760 km of trackage available. In the other divisions, enough material was found to raise the total to 2,200 km. As a result, it was possible to countermand some of the dismantling orders that had been issued. Thus, dismantling of the second track Berlin-Küstritz has been discontinued.

Early July 1947:

2. Other sources report that the LMA has ordered improvement of the railroad lines Berlin-Brandenburg and Berlin-Stendal and the main routes from Halle and Dresden toward the southeast. The signal system on these lines is being improved and sidings are being installed to provide a capacity to handle eighty trains per 24 hours.

Comment: Previously these lines had a capacity of thirty trains per 24 hours.

August 1947:

3. It is reported that the line Hamburg (J97) - Osterfeld (J98) - Leipzig (K00) and the line Cöthen (J99) - Havelberg (Y97) are being dismantled.

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